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(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **SIX** pages with **FOUR** sections only.
2. Write **ALL** answers in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: WORD CLASSES [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Each of the following sentences contains an error which has been underlined. Write the correct answer.

EXAMPLE: During the Hindu festival of Thaipusam, some worshippers pierced their cheeks from side to side with ceremony skewers, while others were erratically pacing the narrow street in a trance-like state.

Correction: ceremonial

1. If left unattended, the deadly disease can have dramatic consequences, but treatment has to be given promptly.
2. The man was shouting loudly; his ire and frustrated were directed at everyone in the cafe.
3. One of the biggest contributing factors to Copenhagen's happiness and liveability is culture value.
4. Megan had lived in Mexico City for about six months before witnessing somebody got visible angry in public.
5. Hiroshima was a charred wasteland, yet people widely believed that nothing would grow, or live, in the city for 70 years.
6. From infrared technology in the airport to flying taxis, Dubai is finding new ways to keep their residents and visitors moving freely.
7. With 25 million people making their way through the sprawling megalopolis of Mexico City daily, tensions should be remarkable high.
8. As other cities continue building freeways that promote driving and sprawl, Vancouver is remaining committed to urban living.
9. On a torrid August day in Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park, lotus flowers were blooming into the pond surrounding the Peace Bell.
10. New research shows that for teenagers, helping others could improved their self-esteem during their period of adolescence.
11. This year, you can do things different by starting to learn how to live in harmony with media and technology.
12. In that country, nutrition scientists have reportedly accepted funding to food companies to conduct research.
13. If you feel your willpower is dwindling, remind yours why you chose to cut out sugar in the first place, whether it is because you wanted to have more energy or lose weight.
14. Yikes, the snorkelling trip was marvellous! I will never forget looking right through to see fish, crabs, and all the natural sea life and it made me feel like a real-life mermaid.
15. The city's bike-sharing program provides bikes to locals and visitors with free, and Copenhagen has a network of about 350km of off-road bike paths, complete with traffic lights.

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16. A crowd gathered outside the noodle shop, watching through the window in fascinate as Lee prepared to knead the dough for his *jook sing* noodles, also known as bamboo noodles.
17. According to a new study published in the British Medical Journal, vitamin D supplements do not helping to prevent diseases for the majority of people.
18. San Francisco has a 77% recycling rate, one of the highest in the world, made possible through city mandates requiring the separation of recycle materials from regular garbage.
19. For females from the Miao ethnics group in the mountainous Guizhou province of south-eastern China, wearing heavy and elaborate silver headdresses and jewellery is common during weddings and funerals.
20. Flu gets passed around when infected people sneeze, cough, or talk, sending tiny, virus-filled water droplets out of them mouths and noses and into others, from as far as six to 10 feet away.

(20 marks)

SECTION B: GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Write a paragraph entitled "How to improve your level of English proficiency" using the verbs and verb phrases given below. Each of the verbs must be followed by either a gerund or an infinitive. Underline the verbs. You are allowed to use the verbs in any tenses.

begin	expect	need	be committed to	practise
hesitate	continue	be interested in	encourage someone	try

(20 marks)

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SECTION C: TENSES [40 MARKS]**Question I**

Instructions: For questions 1 – 20, fill in the blanks with the correct tense. The verbs are given in the parentheses.

More than 1 billion people globally are living with high blood pressure

In 2015, there (be) were (0) 1.13 billion people living with high blood pressure worldwide, with the majority of them in low and middle-income countries. The findings which (come) _____ (1) from a new study published last Tuesday in *The Lancet* also found that the number of people affected by high blood pressure (double, almost) _____ (2) over the past 40 years. In most countries, men were found to have higher blood pressure than women.

The study (highlight) _____ (3) a stark contrast between countries where people are most affected, with high-income countries showing a sharp decline in blood pressure among their populations in recent decades, while low- and middle-income countries have seen numbers spike – particularly in South Asia and Africa.

“When you (look) _____ (4) at this globally, blood pressure is a condition of poverty, not affluence,” said Majit Ezzati, professor of global environmental health at Imperial College London, who (lead) _____ (5) the analysis. “The relationship with national income is completely inverse.” The difference was made more evident by that fact that half of the world's adults with high blood pressure in 2015 (live) _____ (6) in Asia when the research took place.

The United States, Canada and South Korea had the lowest rates in the world, while the UK (have) _____ (7) the lowest proportion of people with raised blood pressure in Europe. “In the high-income world, rates are coming down despite the aging and increasing population,” Ezzati said. “But in the population (in Asia), as the age goes up, the blood pressure (tend) _____ (8) to be higher.” He adds that this is most likely down to differences between these populations in terms of healthy food options but also access to health services providing diagnosis and treatment. According to the WHO, blood pressure (be) _____ (9) estimated to cause 7.5 million deaths globally, almost 13% of all deaths.

“As the leading risk factor for cardiovascular disease, reducing blood pressure is also a key step to meeting the overarching target of reducing non-communicable disease mortality,” said Gretchen Stevens, a statistician with the WHO's Department of Information, Evidence and Research who worked with Ezzati's team. “This new study is the first effort at compiling data to assess whether country trends (progress) _____ (10) in the right direction at the moment to meet the World Health Assembly target,” Stevens said, referring to a goal set in 2011 aimed at reducing the prevalence of high blood pressure by 25% by 2025.

Adapted from Meera Senthilingam (2016, November 23). More than 1 billion people globally are living with high blood pressure. CNN Online. Retrieved from <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/11/15/health/high-blood-pressure-global-statistics/index.html>

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Mount Agung: Where is the active volcano, and what happened last time it erupted?

The airport on the holiday island of Bali (**reopen**) has reopened (0) after tens of thousands of travellers were stranded for two days due to an erupting volcano, but Indonesia's President said the danger (**pass, not**) _____ (11) and urged anyone within the mountain's exclusion zone to get out for the sake of their safety.

At the moment, Mount Agung (**hurl**) _____ (12) clouds of white and dark grey ash about 7,600m (4.7 miles) into the atmosphere and lava is welling up in the crater, though it remains unclear how bad the current situation might get or how long it could last.

Indonesian authorities (**raise**) _____ (13) their warning for the volcano to the top level four alert earlier in the week, and told residents around the mountain to immediately evacuate, warning of an 'imminent' risk of a larger eruption. Residents are being shepherded to temporary shelters, and signs reading, "You (**enter**) _____ (14) active volcanic hazard zone" have been erected.

But what does this mean for the island, and the rest of the world? Here's everything you need to know. Mount Agung, the tallest mountain in Bali, is located on the island's western edge. It (**be**) _____ (15) located 612 miles (984 km) from Indonesia's capital of Jakarta, and 11 miles (18km) from Bali's other volcano, Mount Batur. The last eruption occurred in February of 1963, and (**last**) _____ (16) almost a year. It was one of the largest and most destructive eruptions in the country's history. It destroyed countless villages and (**kill**) _____ (17) an estimated 1,600 people. Minor eruptions and pyroclastic flows continued on the island for months.

The jury is still out on exactly how big the current eruption (**be**) _____ (18). Diana Roman, a geologist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, told *The Washington Post* that scientists "do not have any basis for knowing whether this eruption (**intensify**) _____ (19), continue at its current level, or stop". If the eruption is large, it would be a major problem for the island's inhabitants, who depend largely on tourism and agriculture to survive. At the moment, some airlines (**allow**) _____ (20) customers to change or refund their tickets to the island.

Adapted from Shugerman, E. (2017, November 28). Mount Agung: Where is the active volcano, and what happened last time it erupted? The Independent Online. Retrieved from <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/mount-agung-bali-volcano-where-what-eruption-history-last-time-latest-explained-a8081186.html>

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Question II

Instructions: Write a paragraph using all of the FIVE tenses listed below on ONE of the given topics. You should include time reference words and underline the verb in each sentence. There must be at least two sentences for each tense.

Topics:

One of the most interesting places to visit

OR

One of the things I have learned in the university

Tenses to be used:

- Simple Present
- Simple Past
- Simple Future
- Present Progressive
- Past Progressive

(20 marks)

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SECTION D: SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT [20 MARKS]

Instructions: The following extract contains 11 errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify 10 errors and correct them as shown in the example. The first error is stated as the example.

EXAMPLE:	No	Line	Error	Correction
	0	2	are	is

From its base in the Dutch capital of Amsterdam, a confectionery company
are doing its bit to fight modern-day slavery. Its unconventional weapon of choice?
 A rich range of chocolate products. "We are a funny company," says Henk Jan
 Beltman, the chief chocolate officer at Tony's Chocolonely. "The reason that we
 5 are a company is not that we want to sell chocolate and not that we want to make
 money." Instead, Beltman adds, "We wants to make the world a nicer place."
 Tony's Chocolonely is one of many companies dedicated to producing what are
 known as Fair Trade chocolate by providing better prices and slave free working
 conditions to farmers.

10 Each bar is marketed with a promise to the consumer that no slave labour
 were used in the making of its chocolate. The cocoa sector, worth more than \$100
 billion per year, have long battled with poor labour practices and forms of
 exploitation.

A 2015 report from Tulane University and the U.S. Department of Labour
 15 found that more than two million children was working in what it defined as
 "hazardous" conditions in the cocoa industry in Ghana and the Ivory Coast.
 According to the World Fair Trade Organization, one of the ten guiding principles
 of the Fair Trade movement are to ensure good working conditions and guarantee
 no forced labour has been used in the manufacture of any product. Yet Tony's
 20 Chocolonely believe the industry can further address this issue and that chocolate
 no longer needs to be a guilty pleasure.

At its factory in the town of Wieze, Belgium, Barry Callebaut has built a
 system that isolate Tony's Chocolonely product. Plant director, Xavier De
 Buysscher, says Tony's Chocolonely beans are treated, roasted and segregated. Its
 25 liquid chocolate is stored in a separate tank. Once this process is complete, the
 product is molded by Belgian chocolate masters, who stamps an ethical message
 into each bar. The unequal shape of the end product reflects inequality in the world
 and outlines the West African countries that supplies the beans. This detail is in line
 with Tony's Chocolonely marketing strategy, to remind the consumer how and why
 30 the company began.

*Adapted from Lidz-Ama Appiah (2017, June 7). Slave-free chocolate: a not-so-guilty pleasure. CNN Online.
 Retrieved from <http://edition.cnn.com/2017/06/02/world/tonys-chocolonely-slavery-free-chocolate/index.html>*

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